(b) No. Government considered that no reply or acknowledgment was necessary.

(c) No action has been taken.

(d) Government have not considered the matter.

(e) Yes.

(f) Vide answer to (d).

The plight of labourers in the Palappilli Estate.

13. Dr. A. G. Menon.—With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question No. 319 of legislative session of Kumbham 1101, will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the writer of the article was examined; if not, will the Government be pleased to direct the officer to examine him;

(2) will the Government be pleased to place on the table the report of the Inspector, A. Division, and the statement of the writer of the article?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) The whereabouts of the writer of the article are unknown. Hence no examination was possible.

(2) Copy of the report is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

The appointment of Mr. U. Kandir Menon as the Trichur Sirkar Vakil.

14. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether, in the appointment of Mr. U. Kandir Menon as Sirkar Vakil of Trichur, consideration was given to the claims of other practitioners of that Bar enjoying more lucrative practice;

(b) whether any other vakil or vakils were consulted or whether the vacancy was advertised or whether Mr. Kandir Menon has submitted his application in writing;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, the special reason that induced the Government to appoint him under such exceptional circumstances;

(d) whether this appointment will be considered a precedent in filling up the vacancy to be created by the retirement of Mr. Ayyakkutti, District Judge?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Government paid due consideration to all the relevant circumstances connected with the appointment of a Sirkar Vakil.

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